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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
United States House of Representatives  
2446 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Baldwin:

On behalf of Children's Hospital and Health System I am pleased to support the proposal being submitted to your office by the Project ADAM program.

Nationally it is estimated that more than 2,000 young people have a sudden cardiac arrest every year. However, there is proof that if defibrillators are used within the first few minutes of a collapse the survival rate could be as high as 70 percent. Project ADAM is dedicated to helping schools across the nation implement public access defibrillation (PAD) programs through support, education and deployment of life-saving programs that help prevent sudden cardiac death.

In 2009, 13 lives were saved in schools supported by Project ADAM. In January, 2010 three more lives, including two children and one adult, were saved in just one week! With additional funds for this program, we will be able to reach out to more schools to help further prevent sudden cardiac death among high school students in the Dane and surrounding counties.

In 2003, several of your colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee introduced a bi-partisan bill which was signed into law, commonly referred to as the ADAM Act. This legislation authorized the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools. However, money has not been appropriated.

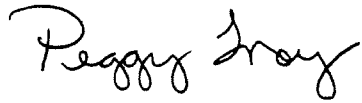
Project ADAM does not currently have the adequate funding available to continue to expand. Nor does the program have funding for a census of school PAD programs which will allow our program staff to efficiently monitor the programs currently in the schools and reach schools who have not been introduced to Project ADAM.

The Project ADAM program at Children's Hospital and Health System will continue to provide exceptional resources and education to schools throughout the state but without further funding, the services we can provide will be limited.

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Thank you for all you do to support children and families in our communities. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Troy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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